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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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1. claims: 1,2,8

dehydrogenation process

1.1. claim: 6

hydrogenation process

2. claim: 3

S02 oxidation

3. claim: 4

NO reduction with CO

4. claim: 5

CO methanisation

5. claim: 7

ethane hydrogenolysis

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